PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this day finds everyone well. It has certainly been a very trying year. And as yet, the end is still in the distant future. Seems so many people are fed up with restrictions, business shutdowns and unemployment. People have feelings of isolation, depression, or despair. After a while movies and cleaning become very old.

For me, my stamps have been a saving grace. I have not been able to attend stamp shows, as they seem to get cancelled on a regular basis. Luckily, I have found a number of online dealers to buy from. Often, I will grab an album off the shelf, curl up with a cup of tea, and for a while, become lost in another world. I can go back in history, visit another country, or hang out with a favorite animal. I just visited Sumatra, land of elephants, tigers, orangutangs, and my favorite, the smallest of the rhinos. Recently I have been looking for covers, maxi cards and cancels. There are so many animal towns around the world. Did you know in the US there is a Newt, KY or Eagle, MI or Fox, IL or Beaver, PA and of course Hedgehog, WI?

Another outlet has been the Zoom talks offered by the ATA. This has been a chance to see friends, get to know new people and share interests of other collectors. I feel less isolated after the talks. I encourage you to join the next presentation or even to present a talk yourself.

Stay safe, stay warm and wear those masks

SECRETARY'S CORNER

The Biology Unit currently has 102 members. Within the last year we have lost 25 members. Three of those were by request. Two were deceased. The remainder were dropped after hearing no response from them.

A large proportion of our members are also members of the ATA. 62 are members of both.

Renew Your Membership

Membership renewals follow the calendar year, which means you need to renew at the beginning of the year. Please renew your membership now if you have not already done so. A renewal form was mailed in the December issue of *Biophilately*. You can also find one on the web site, biophilately.org.

New member

William Workman BU#1908 Hatboro, PA collects Birds (especially kingfishers, woodpeckers, auks, cormorants, gannets, diving birds).